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Subject: RE: Anaconda Mine question

Thanks Margot – have a great weekend,

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Questions and answers to LV Review Journal

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Q1. Now that the Anaconda Mine site in Yerington, NV has formally been proposed for inclusion on Superfund National Priority List, what is the process?

The Anaconda Cooper Mine site will be proposed for the National Priority List tomorrow, Friday, September 9 through a Notice of Rulemaking where all relevant documentation, including the Hazard Ranking System report, is published in the Federal Register. This will be followed by a 60-day public comment period, beginning Friday, September 9 and ending Wednesday, November 9. EPA will then evaluate and respond to all comments and make a final determination whether to list the site on the NPL by the spring of 2017.

Q2. How long is the public comment period?

60-days

Q3. Will there be public hearings?

No, there will not be public hearings. To provide public comment, follow these instructions (from draft Public Notice):

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments may be submitted to EPA Headquarters in two ways: online and via US Postal Service.

To submit a comment online:

1. Go to Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>)
2. Type the site's docket number, EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0433 into the search bar.
3. Click the first result: "National Priorities List, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Anaconda Copper Mine"
4. Click the "Comment Now!" button to submit a comment, or browse the site's "Supporting Documents" section to learn more.

To submit a comment by mail:

1. Reference the docket number EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0433 in your comment
2. Mail comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to:

Docket Coordinator, Headquarters
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
CERCLA Docket Office
(Mail Code 5305T)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Q4. And how long might it be before Anaconda actually makes the list and money is earmarked for cleanup?

After receiving and responding to public comment, EPA plans to make a formal determination on adding the Site to the NPL in spring of 2017. Now that the site is proposed on the NPL, we are able to use federal funding to continue site activities. In FY16, we obligated \$677,000 to continue remediation progress at the site.

Q5. I know the governor and state officials, before agreeing to the listing, were concerned it would be a drawn out process that could hurt the region's agricultural industry.

EPA has no evidence that contamination from the site has affected any agricultural products in the area. In EPA's experience, adding a site to the NPL demonstrates that the site is being managed and is not uncontrolled. As EPA anticipates the Anaconda Site will be competitive in obtaining federal funding, NPL listing manages the problem and can help to address any stigma by demonstrating control of the contamination in a public process.

Q6. And has a specific amount of money been proposed for this site?

The cost for remedy construction of the Arimetco portion of the site is expected to

be in the \$30-40 million range based on the feasibility study report estimates. To date EPA has spent \$11 million on remediation activities on the Arimetco portion of the site. During the current fiscal year, EPA is budgeted to spend approximately \$677,000 for selecting a remedy and for the next fiscal year, EPA is planning to obligate \$1 million for remedy design and compete for funding to construct the remedy. Cost estimates for remediating the other portions of the site, including the groundwater, have not yet been determined. Before remediation can begin, we need to select and design the remedy.

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thanks for your help, Margo.

What I want to know is, now that the Anaconda Mine site in Yerington, NV has formally been proposed for inclusion on Superfund National Priority List, what is the process?

How long is the public comment period? Will there be public hearings?

And how long might it be before Anaconda actually makes the list and money is earmarked for cleanup?

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thanks again.

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